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Dear Bill,

Both your letters of the 28th came today.

It will not be possible for me to use the typewriter. It will take me much too long to learn all there is to learn to be able to use it and I live with the possibility each day may be the last. How wonderful it would be to have the use of all those features but I would be forever trying to use them and that would mean much writing that I'd not get done. Which means that might never be done.

And that is and must be my first priority for what time remains for me.

When you are here you'll see the volume of what I've been ^{up and} ^{down} getting on paper.

Except for a box I'll be giving to the college soon.

On the ~~typewriter~~ typewriter stand, I've been more or less experimenting. When I can I face the typewriter directly, with my legs ^{up and} ^{down} on the ~~stand~~ ^{leg rest} you'll see, That seems to result in fewer or my errors than with the machine to the side and my legs ^{also} up. Other factors do figure in, like the refusal of this machine to do first letters of words if I'm rushing, and the mistakes I'd make anyway. But I do think that when I get used to it having the machine a little ^{lower} ^{that} may eliminate some of these mistakes. But I think it should not exceed the size ^{base} I gave you for the table and for the stand. They work with the present stand.

It is only the past several early mornings that I've been able to do any writing at all. I hope that before daylight today I finished the rough draft of the Afterword to one book and that after I read and correct it in the morning I'll be able to forget about it. I did finish the sequel to NEVER AGAIN last year but from the experiences I've had with this publisher I've not even offered it. Besides this one I hope to finish tomorrow I'm working on two other books.

They may only be a record for history or perhaps the time may come when they can be published.

But unless they are on paper that cannot be.

And if you want to see what new, fresh typewriter ribbons are today look at this one that I put on yesterday. And had to staple a piece of paper to the eyelets so the reversing mechanism would work and not let the ribbon go to a dead end on the spools. That alone should tell you how much I regret that using a machine with all those wonderful features is not practical and how much I do regret that!

Many, many thanks for all your efforts to be of help.

Our best,

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